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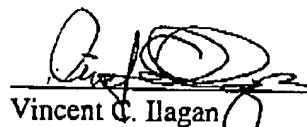
**REMARKS**

In the Action, claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 10-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by the Ng reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,906,450). In response, independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 7 and 15 so as to overcome this rejection. Namely, claims 1 and 10 now recite one of the threaded tubes or the housing having a flange for support against a structure member. Figures 1 through 2c illustrate the flanges as a rim protruding radially outward from a periphery of the tubes 3 and 4 and the housing 5. Accordingly, a flange is typically defined as a protruding rim, edge, or rib for attachment to another object. (See American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language: Fourth Edition 2000, [www.bartleby.com](http://www.bartleby.com)) Conversely, the Ng reference discloses a ring or loop, which has a center hole for receiving a cable and attaching to the same. The ring is substantially different than a rim, edge, or rib and thus does not teach or suggest the claimed flange. Thus, amended claims 1 and 10 are novel and allowable notwithstanding the Ng reference.

Allowance of claim 9 is noted and appreciated. With this Amendment, claims 17-21 have been added to depend from claim 9 and clarify the structure of the coupling arrangement recited in claim 9. Claims 17-21 recite the limitations in claims 2-5 and 8.

In view of the foregoing, all of the claims remaining in the case, namely claims 1-5, 8-14, and 16-21, are in proper form and patentably distinguish from the prior art. Accordingly, allowance of the claims and passage of the application to issuance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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